

COMMENDING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR MARKING 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 39.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 39, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 393, nays 0, not voting 40, as follows:

[Roll No. 9]

YEAS—393

Abercrombie	Conaway	Green, Gene
Ackerman	Conyers	Grijalva
Aderholt	Cooper	Gutierrez
Akin	Costello	Gutknecht
Alexander	Cox	Hall
Allen	Cramer	Harman
Andrews	Crenshaw	Harris
Baca	Crowley	Hart
Bachus	Cubin	Hastings (FL)
Baird	Cuellar	Hastings (WA)
Baker	Culbertson	Hayes
Baldwin	Cummings	Hayworth
Barrett (SC)	Cunningham	Hefley
Barrow	Davis (AL)	Hensarling
Bartlett (MD)	Davis (CA)	Herger
Barton (TX)	Davis (FL)	Herseth
Bass	Davis (IL)	Higgins
Bean	Davis (KY)	Hinche
Beauprez	Davis (TN)	Hinojosa
Becerra	Davis, Jo Ann	Hobson
Berman	Davis, Tom	Hoekstra
Berry	Deal (GA)	Holden
Biggart	DeGette	Holt
Bishop (GA)	DeLauro	Honda
Bishop (NY)	DeLay	Hooley
Bishop (UT)	Dent	Hostettler
Blackburn	Diaz-Balart, L.	Hoyer
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hulshof
Blunt	Dicks	Hunter
Boehlert	Dingell	Hyde
Bonilla	Doggett	Inglis (SC)
Bonner	Doolittle	Inslee
Boozman	Doyle	Issa
Boren	Drake	Istook
Boswell	Dreier	Jackson (IL)
Boucher	Duncan	Jackson-Lee
Boustany	Edwards	(TX)
Boyd	Emanuel	Jefferson
Bradley (NH)	Emerson	Jindal
Brady (PA)	Engel	Johnson (CT)
Brady (TX)	English (PA)	Johnson (IL)
Brown (OH)	Eshoo	Johnson, E. B.
Brown (SC)	Etheridge	Johnson, Sam
Brown-Waite,	Evans	Jones (NC)
Ginny	Everett	Jones (OH)
Burgess	Farr	Kanjorski
Butterfield	Feeney	Kaptur
Buyer	Ferguson	Keller
Calvert	Filner	Kelly
Camp	Fitzpatrick (PA)	Kennedy (MN)
Cannon	Flake	Kennedy (RI)
Cantor	Forbes	Kildee
Capito	Ford	Kilpatrick (MI)
Capps	Fortenberry	Kind
Capuano	Fossella	King (IA)
Cardin	Fox	King (NY)
Cardoza	Franks (AZ)	Kingston
Carnahan	Frelinghuysen	Kirk
Carson	Garrett (NJ)	Kline
Carter	Gerlach	Knollenberg
Case	Gibbons	Kolbe
Castle	Gilchrest	Kucinich
Chabot	Gingrey	Kuhl (NY)
Chandler	Gohmert	LaHood
Chocola	Gonzalez	Langevin
Clay	Goode	Larsen (WA)
Cleaver	Goodlatte	Larsen (CT)
Clyburn	Gordon	Latham
Coble	Green (WI)	LaTourette
Cole (OK)	Green, Al	Leach

Levin	Oliver	Shaw
Lewis (CA)	Ortiz	Sherman
Lewis (GA)	Osborne	Sherwood
Lewis (KY)	Otter	Shimkus
Linder	Owens	Shuster
Lipinski	Oxley	Simmons
LoBiondo	Pallone	Simpson
Lofgren, Zoe	Pascarell	Skelton
Lowey	Pastor	Slaughter
Lucas	Paul	Smith (NJ)
Lungren, Daniel	Payne	Smith (TX)
E.	Pearce	Smith (WA)
Lynch	Pelosi	Snyder
Mack	Pence	Sodrel
Maloney	Peterson (MN)	Solis
Marchant	Peterson (PA)	Souder
Markey	Petri	Spratt
Marshall	Pickering	Stearns
Matheson	Pitts	Strickland
McCarthy	Poe	Stupak
McCaul (TX)	Pomeroy	Sweeney
McCrery	Porter	Tancredo
McGovern	Portman	Tanner
McHenry	Price (GA)	Tauscher
McHugh	Price (NC)	Taylor (MS)
McIntyre	Pryce (OH)	Taylor (NC)
McKeon	Putnam	Terry
McKinney	Radanovich	Thomas
McMorris	Ramstad	Thompson (CA)
McNulty	Rangel	Thompson (MS)
Meehan	Regula	Thornberry
Meek (FL)	Rehberg	Tiahrt
Meeks (NY)	Reichert	Tiberi
Melancon	Renzi	Tierney
Menendez	Reyes	Turner
Mica	Reynolds	Udall (CO)
Michaud	Rogers (AL)	Udall (NM)
Millender-	Rogers (KY)	Upton
McDonald	Rogers (MI)	Van Hollen
Miller (FL)	Ros-Lehtinen	Velázquez
Miller (MI)	Ross	Visclosky
Miller (NC)	Rothman	Walden (OR)
Miller, Gary	Ruppersberger	Walsh
Miller, George	Ryan (OH)	Wasserman
Mollohan	Ryan (WI)	Schultz
Moore (KS)	Ryun (KS)	Waters
Moore (WI)	Sabo	Waxman
Moran (KS)	Salazar	Weiner
Moran (VA)	Sánchez, Linda	Weldon (FL)
Murphy	T.	Weldon (PA)
Musgrave	Sanchez, Loretta	Weller
Myrick	Sanders	Westmoreland
Nadler	Saxton	Wexler
Napolitano	Schakowsky	Whitfield
Neal (MA)	Schiff	Wicker
Neugebauer	Schwartz (PA)	Wilson (NM)
Ney	Schwarz (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Northup	Scott (GA)	Wolf
Norwood	Scott (VA)	Woolsey
Nunes	Sensenbrenner	Wu
Nussle	Serrano	Wynn
Oberstar	Sessions	Young (AK)
Obey	Shadegg	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—40

Berkley	Gillmor	Rahall
Bilirakis	Granger	Rohrabacher
Boehner	Graves	Roybal-Allard
Bono	Israel	Royce
Brown, Corrine	Jenkins	Rush
Burton (IN)	Lantos	Shays
Costa	Lee	Stark
DeFazio	Manzullo	Sullivan
Delahunt	McCollum (MN)	Towns
Ehlers	McCotter	Wamp
Fattah	McDermott	Watson
Foley	Murtha	Watt
Frank (MA)	Platts	
Gallegly	Pombo	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on the motion to suspend the rules and adopt H. Res. 39. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, due to my participation in the President's delegation to Poland to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, I will miss two roll-call votes on January 25. If I were present, I would vote "yea" on H. Res. 39 and H. Con. Res. 16.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

SMART SECURITY AND THE CASE FOR LEAVING IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the time has come for the United States military to leave Iraq. Even though I was not a supporter of our role in Iraq in the first place, this is not a statement that I make lightly, nor is it a decision that I arrived at easily. But now, more than ever, I am convinced that it is the right decision.

Not all Members of Congress supported the war in Iraq, but we all have to live with its consequences. The global havoc wreaked by this war will affect the world in ways that we can only imagine. And as I said, as someone who did not support the invasion of Iraq from the outset, I still believed at first, once we had invaded them, that the United States had a moral responsibility to assist the Iraqi people as they struggled to rebuild their war-torn country.

But it has become all too clear now that the presence of the nearly 150,000 American soldiers in Iraq, rather than helping to bring about stability and political independence, is actually stifling the country's ability to develop into a flourishing democracy. That is why tomorrow I will introduce legislation calling for a withdrawal of U.S. military forces from Iraq.

I believe that it is the presence in Iraq of our military that has engendered so much hatred of the United States throughout the Muslim world. We talk of holding free elections in Iraq, but we cannot hold free elections when the very country yearning to be free is under the thumb of more than 150,000 foreign troops. Democracy cannot be forced from the barrel of a gun.

Instead of issuing an arbitrary date for holding elections, why not let the Iraqi people themselves determine when they are ready to knock on democracy's door? That way, at least we

would adhere to the very democratic principles we are trying to export to the Middle East.

There are some that say we need to remain in Iraq until we are sure we have destroyed every last remnant of Iraqi's growing insurgency. The United States has faced this kind of elusive enemy before, in places like Vietnam in the 1970s and the Philippines in the early 1900s. We learned then and we should know now that this is a battle that we cannot win, because it is a battle that is not fought on a traditional battlefield.

Bullets will not win this war, because for every insurgent killed, three more sign up to fill his shoes. The suicide bombers of tomorrow are born from the bombed-out homes of Iraq's war zones of today. We have to be smarter than the insurgents if we wish to see a free and democratic Iraq.

In the end, withdrawing our forces is the smarter option. This is not a suggestion that our troops have failed. It is an acknowledgment that the military option itself has failed us. It is a recognition that we need to address the root causes of the Iraq insurgency instead of watching America become further bogged down in an unwinnable war.

In the 108th Congress I introduced a SMART Security Resolution for the 21st Century which called for a Sensible, Multilateral, American Response to Terrorism. Adopting this type of foreign policy will help us avoid the many mistakes that have been characterized in the war in Iraq.

SMART security calls for the United States to address the root causes of terrorism by engaging our international partners and the humanitarian community in international reconstruction and political transition processes.

SMART security calls for increased developmental aid programs, integrated with peace-building and conflict-resolution measures. By withdrawing U.S. military forces from Iraq, we can spend some of the billions of dollars which formerly paid for military operations on humanitarian projects for the Iraqi people, such as new schools for Iraq's children, water desalination plants and improved economic and civil infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, the United States must stop engaging in a reckless national security strategy, because our current path only encourages further terrorist activities. It costs Americans in our taxes, in our loss of our loved ones. It costs our international reputation, and it makes our troops sitting ducks.

It is time we pursue the SMART security strategy for America. That is the best way to secure Iraq, and it is the best way to keep America safe and secure for the future. If we do not, all we will be left with is the consequences of our current failed policies.

LEGENDARY TWIN CITIES SPORTSWRITER SID HARTMAN CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to legendary sportswriter Sid Hartman on his 60th anniversary with the Star Tribune, Minnesota's largest newspaper.

For six decades Sid Hartman has been writing his celebrated column, and his WCCO radio show and daily sports reports are heard by hundreds of thousands of loyal listeners throughout the Upper Midwest.

Mr. Speaker, Sid Hartman personifies the American dream. Born and raised on the north side of Minneapolis, Sid started peddling newspapers as a fifth-grader in downtown Minneapolis and doing chores for the sports editor of the Star Tribune when he was in high school. In all, Sid Hartman has worked for the Star Tribune for 70 years, and to this day nobody, nobody, works harder or gets more scoops than Sid. As he puts it, "I get out every day and make the rounds," and that is exactly what Sid does.

The Golden Gophers, Vikings, Timberwolves, Twins, Wild, Lynx, area colleges and high schools, Sid is there every day, as he puts it, "talking to people in person every day, all the time."

Mr. Speaker, Sid Hartman is a true Minnesota institution. He is the pivotal player and chief architect in making Minnesota major league in the world of big-time sports.

But Sid will tell you he is the lucky one to have lived such a remarkable life and career. Now in his eighties, Sid Hartman has not slowed down one bit. He is the consummate "homer" and Minnesota's biggest booster of our beloved sports teams.

Minnesotans can always count on turning to page 3 of the sports section of the Star Tribune and reading Sid's latest jottings on "sports heroes," "stiffs" and "geniuses," as only Sid can label them.

And, Mr. Speaker, nobody has more close personal friends than Sid Hartman. From Bud Grant and Lou Holtz to Bobby Knight and George Steinbrenner, Sid knows them all in the world of sports. I dare say there is not one major sports figure in the United States who is not a close, personal friend of Sid Hartman.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, it is a privilege to recognize and congratulate Sid Hartman on his 60th anniversary. The people of Minnesota, well, at least most of us, hope Sid continues his legendary sports writing for many years to come.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF UNITED STATES MARINE LANCE CORPORAL JUAN RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of United States Marines Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez.

On Thursday, January 13, Lance Corporal Rodriguez, a member of the Weapons Platoon, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines Division, died at the young age of 23.

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Mr. Rodriguez was deployed in Iraq in August of 2004 where he served as an infantry assaultman. Juan, along with another Marine, was killed in an enemy attack explosion on January 13. He has been described by friends as a true Marine who was proud to fight for his country.

Before joining the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Rodriguez was part of the United South High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC, where he was described as a model cadet by Junior ROTC staff.

A 4-year member of the Junior ROTC, he always sought out perfection as he devoted countless hours to the Color Guard Team, the Shooting Team, and the Unarmed Drill Team.

In his senior year in high school, Juan Rodriguez was part of United South High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC that earned top honors at the National High School Drill Team Championships at Daytona Beach, Florida. In his senior year in high school, Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez went on to earn the rank of cadet colonel and was named the school's Junior ROTC battalion commander.

His exemplary extracurricular record in school brought him the recognition and respect of his classmates, teachers, and school administrators. Juan Rodriguez received the highest honor bestowed upon the graduating seniors: the United South High School Panther Award presented to those who exemplify the true spirit of the United South High School. Only 10 seniors out of a class of 471 received the award that year.

Amid all of his obligations to school and Junior ROTC, Juan Rodriguez found the time to volunteer in multiple community service projects. He played an active role in Christmas drives for underprivileged children, including Toys For Tots and Blue Santa.

In addition, Mr. Rodriguez was an active participant during Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations and, on several occasions, volunteering his time by placing U.S. flags at the city cemetery to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, or participated with the Presentation of Colors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in El Cenizo and Laredo,